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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the final Office Action mailed June 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, reconsideration on the merits of the Application, and allowance of the claims. The Amendment is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal and the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.